

WHAT IS THIS?

solve the mystery

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Where is the Gold?
Figure out where the leprechaun hid the gold by solving the clues.

RAINBOW FALLS, TREASURE MOUNTAIN, LUCKY CHARM INN, CLOVER FOREST, SILVER BRIDGE, GOLDEN FIELDS, RAINBOW RIVER

The Case of the Missing Gold Coins

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing coins are!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is missing! A leprechaun found it and hid it somewhere on the map. Now, it's up to you to figure out where they hid the gold.

1. Take a map and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the gold is.
3. Cross out wrong locations each time you find out new information. Good luck!

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h o p	g e m	j u g	m i x	w e t	r a n
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The gold is not in a place filled with trees.

The gold is not in a place with water.

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Where is the Gold?

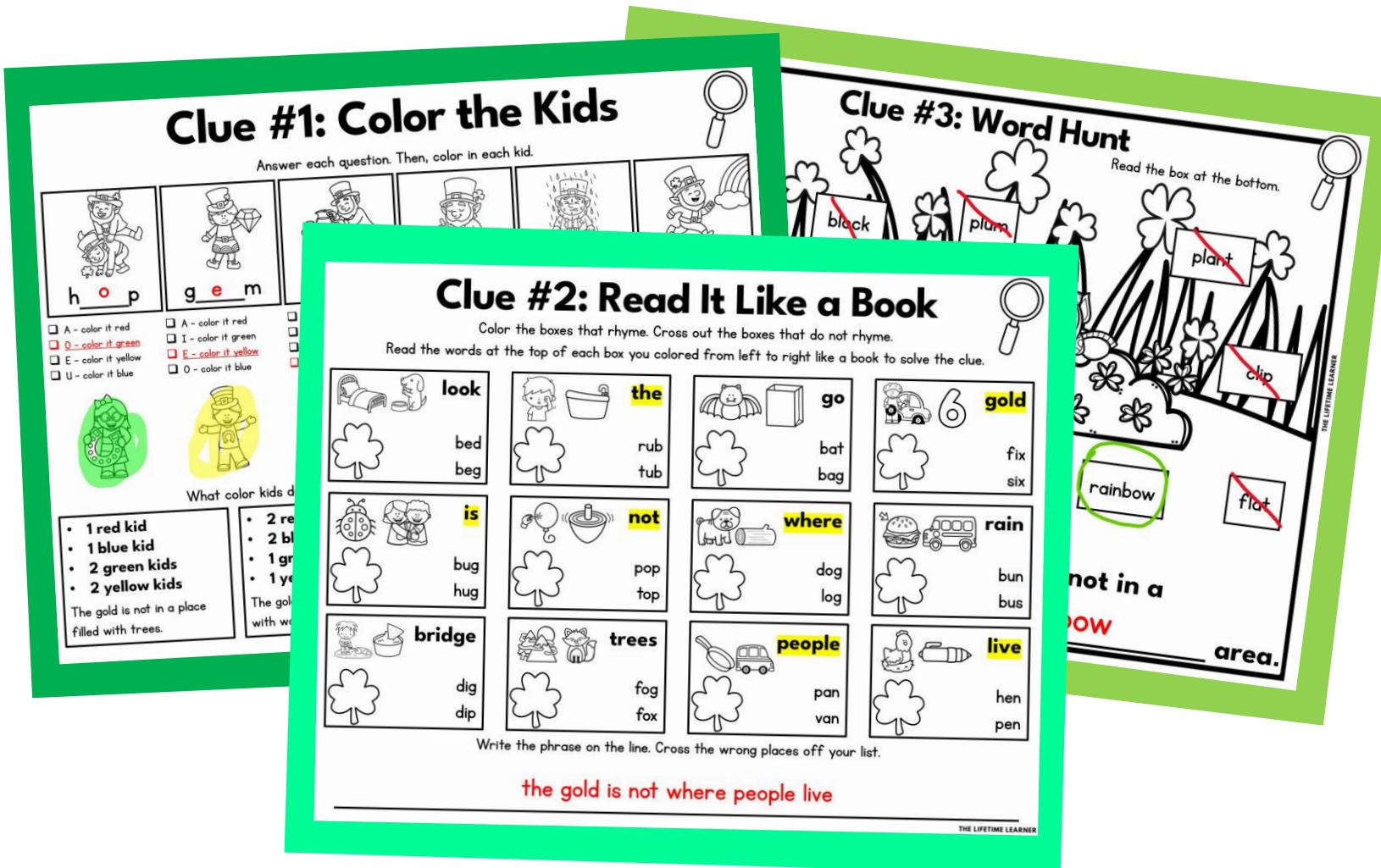
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Name: _____

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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing coins will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

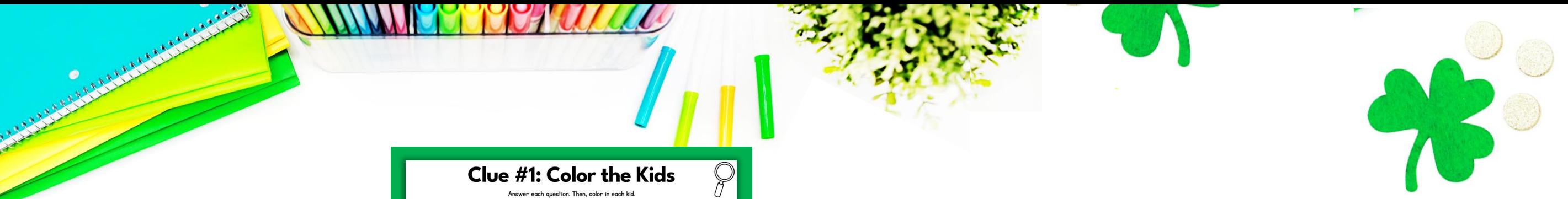


Kinder St. Patty's Phonics Review:

- Medial Sounds CVC Review
- CVC Rhyming Words
- Beginning L Blends
- Beginning S Blends
- Beginning R Blends

All clues focus on reviewing many phonics skills!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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3 Clue Version

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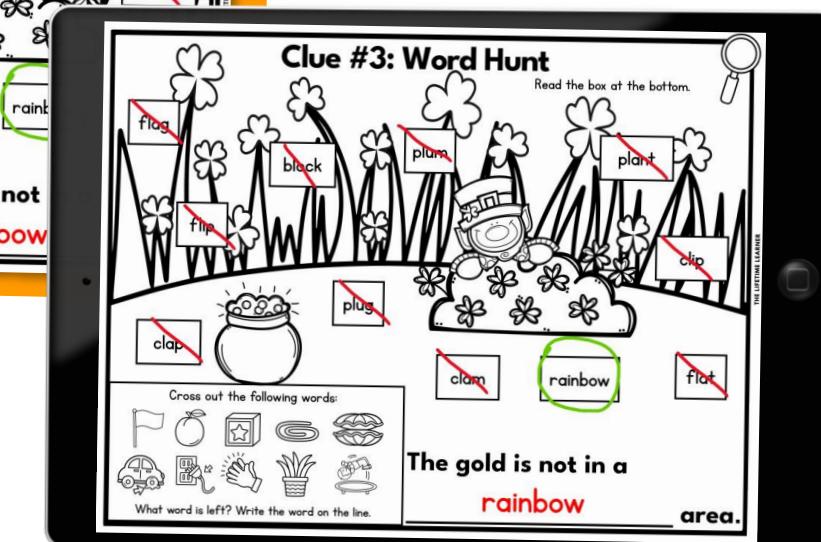
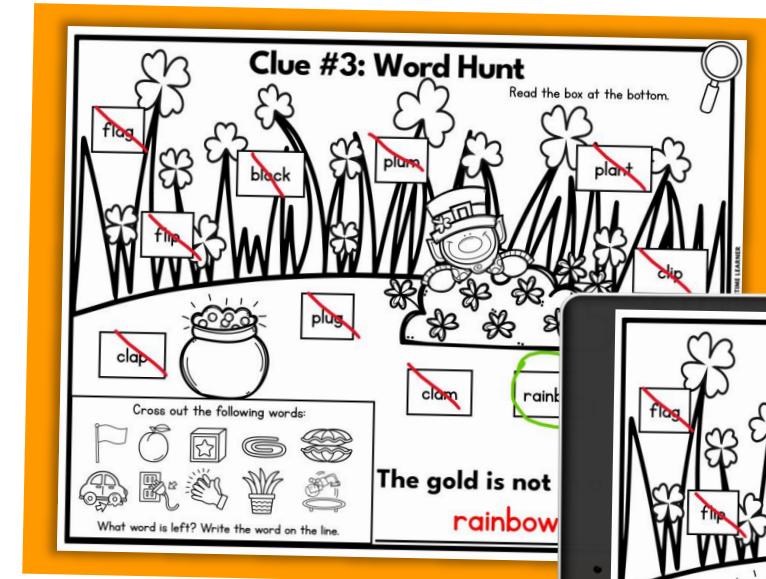
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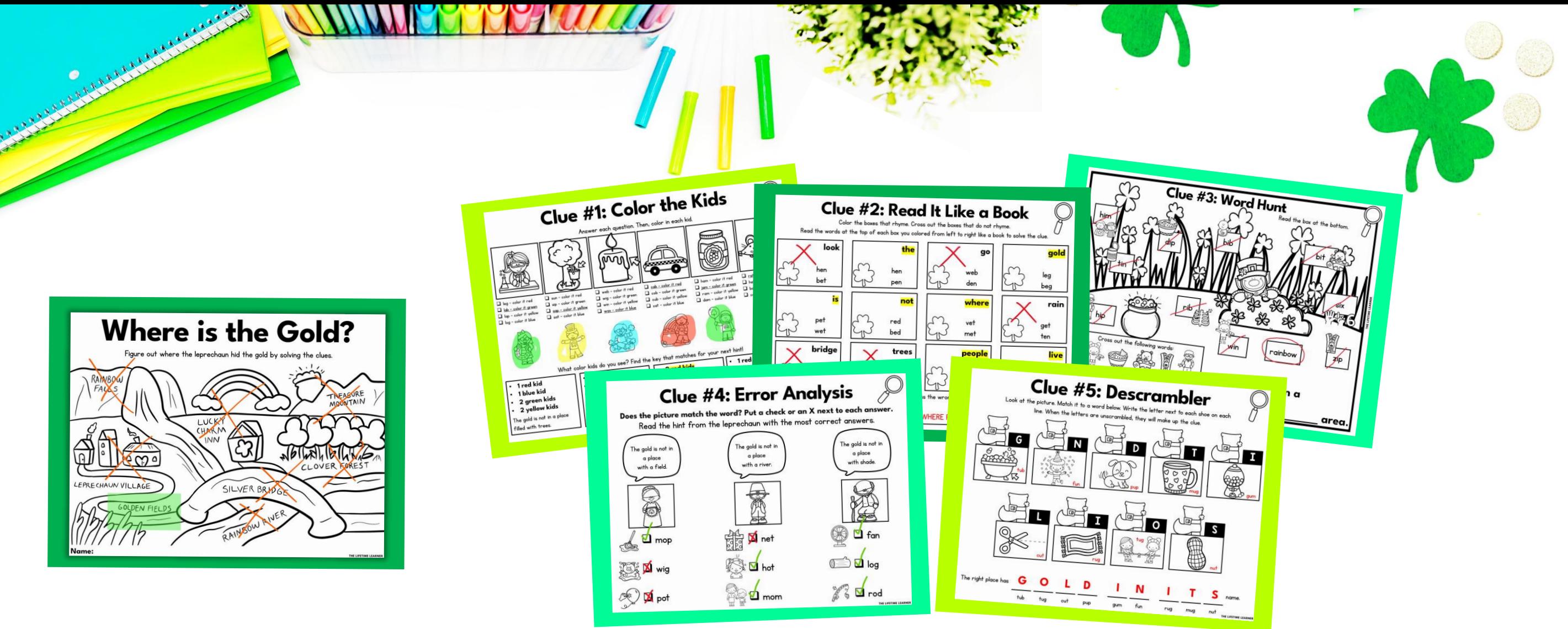
The right place has G O L D I N I T S name.

Print & Digital Forms



Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

PHONICS MYSTERY BENEFITS



- No Prep
- Print and Digital Versions
- 3 & 5 Clue Options
- Fun and Engaging
- Easy to Differentiate
- Encourages Critical Thinking
- Aligns with Phonics Standards
- Perfect for Review Days
- 2 Versions: Phonics Review OR CVC Words. You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together.

A worksheet titled "Clue #4: Error Analysis". It asks, "Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer. Read the hint from the leprechaun with the most correct answers." Three speech bubbles provide hints:

- The gold is not in a place with a field.
- The gold is not in a place with a river.
- The gold is not in a place with shade.

Below the hints is a grid of 12 images with checkboxes:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> snip	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> skip
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> snap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> swim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slam
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slip	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sled

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In K-1, this works well as a whole group lesson or in small groups at the teacher table.

Students will need teacher support to read & understand the clues/directions.

WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

Ordinary phonics worksheets can be boring and unoriginal.

You want activities that are fun and engaging, but also rigorous and meaningful to student learning.

PHONICS MYSTERIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

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The right place has **G O L D I N I T S** name.

trick dress truck drink drum grass drag drop grin

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The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

Lindsay
You solved the mystery!
11/2 SW
Date Presented by:

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Name: *[Red X marks over the first four locations]*

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LET'S DRAW...
a rainbow
1 2 3
4 5 6 Color It!

LET'S DRAW...
a top hat
1 2 3
4 5 6 Color It!

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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

Reading Mysteries aren't just a copy of Math Mysteries!

They have brand-new clues, focus on reading skills, and even feature a different conclusion to the mystery.

The only thing that stays the same is the list of suspects students start with!

So, if you have both, students can play during math and then again during reading for double the fun.

Reading

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Color the Kids

Answer each question. Then, color in each kid.

1.  m

2.  j u g

3.  m i x

4.  w e t

5.  r a n

6. 

Color Options:

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- U - color it green
- I - color it yellow
- A - color it blue
- O - color it orange
- P - color it purple

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Clue #1: Decoder

Write the answer. Then write the word under it.

The missing...

10±1

$$\begin{array}{r} 0+1= \\ \hline 1 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 8+10= \\ \hline 18 \\ \hline \text{not} \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 1+10= \\ \hline 11 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 10+2= \\ \hline 12 \end{array}$$

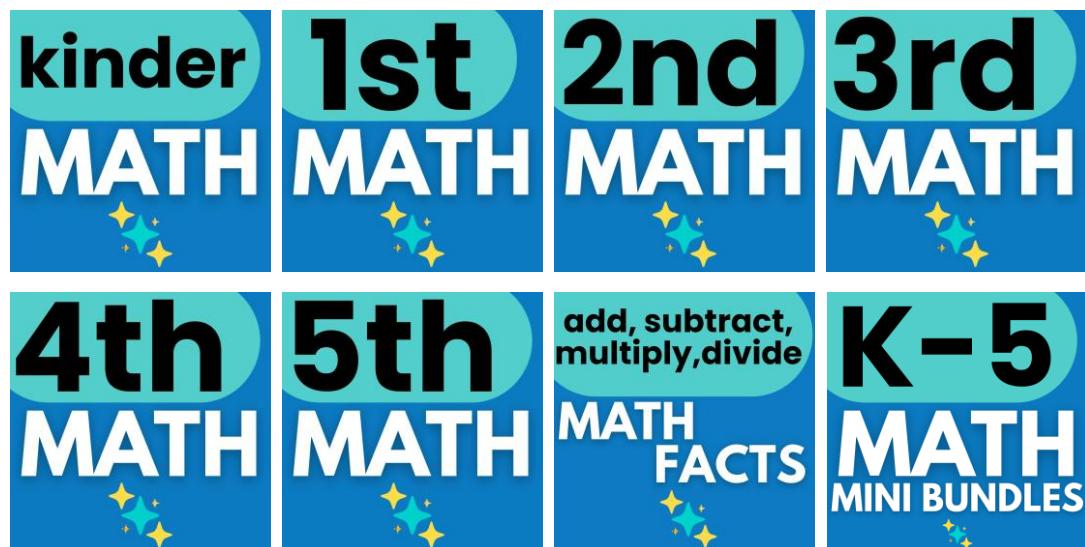
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A thick, black, hand-drawn style curved arrow pointing to the right, indicating a continuation or next step.

KEEP THE FUN GOING!

GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

Math Mysteries aren't just a copy of reading. They come with fresh clues, unique math challenges, and a new culprit, so students are solving an entirely different case!



MORE READING MYSTERIES:

Explore other grade levels to differentiate and keep every student engaged.



BUY A BUNDLE
TO SAVE BIG!

